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In re application of : Hironobu SAKAGUCHI

Application No. : 09/826, 868

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Group Art Unit: 3622

Filed : April 6, 2001

Examiner: Donald CHAMPAGNE

For : HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCE, NETWORK SYSTEM, HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCE  
 CONTROL METHOD USING A NETWORK, COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT  
 ACHIEVING THE CONTROL METHOD, AND A COMPUTER-READABLE DATA STORAGE  
 MEDIUM

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
 220 20<sup>th</sup> Street S.  
 Customer Window  
 Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03  
 Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.111** in the above-captioned application.

☐ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

☐ A Request for Extension of Time.

☒ No additional fee is required.

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Claims After Amendment	No. Claims Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity		Other Than A Small Entity	
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Total Claims: 12	*20	0	x 9=	\$	x 18=	\$0.00
Indep. Claims: 3	**3	0	x 44=	\$	x 88=	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims Presented			+150=	\$	+300=	\$0.00
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☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 11, 2004, which set a shortened period of response to expire on November 11, 2004, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, together with the allowance of all the claims pending in the present application.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this Reply.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this Reply.